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### Fiction Booklist

**This booklist contains books that make waves :**

**By water; by protesting; by starting a revolution; by creatively watering your mind**

- Hiaasen, Carl. **Flush.** 2007 Grades 5-9  
With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.
- Hiaasen, Carl. **Scat.** 2009 Grades 5-9  
Nice and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.
- Avi. **True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** 2004 Grades 5-8  
As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.
- Fama, Elizabeth. **Overboard.** 2005 Grades 5-9  
Escaping from a sinking ferry in the waters off Sumatra, 14-year-old Emily fights for survival for herself and a young Indonesian boy, who draws courage from his quiet but firm Islamic faith.
- Farmer, Nancy. **Sea of Trolls.** 2006 Grades 5-9  
After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.
- Hobbs, Will. **Leaving Protection.** 2005 Grades 6-12  
Sixteen-year-old Robbie Daniels, happy to get a job aboard a troller fishing for king salmon off southeastern Alaska, finds himself in danger when he discovers that his mysterious captain is searching for long-buried Russian plaques that lay claim to Alaska and the Northwest.

- Johnson, Maureen. **Girl at Sea.** 2007 Grades 9+  
High-School junior Clio Ford reluctantly gives up her dream job and a potential first kiss to take a working vacation with her estranged father on a yacht in Italy.
- Plum-Ucci, Carol. **The She.** 2005 Grades 8+  
After his parents are lost at sea, Evan Barrett and his older brother leave their seaside home in West Hook to escape bad memories, but years later even worse questions emerge when Evan is asked to help a fellow student deal with another sea-related tragedy.
- Bruchac, Joseph. **The Dark Pond.** 2005 Grades 5-9  
After he feels a mysterious pull drawing him toward a dark, shadowy pond in the woods, Armie looks to old Native-American tales for guidance about the dangerous monster lurking in the water.
- Dunmore, Helen. **Ingo.** 2008 Grades 5-9  
As they search for their missing father near their Cornwall home, Sapphy and her brother Conor learn about their family's connection to the domains of air and of water.
- Ferraiolo, Jack. **The Big Splash.** 2008 Grades 4-8  
Matt Stevens, an average middle schooler with a glib tongue and a knack for solving crimes, uncovers a mystery while working with "the organization," a mafia-like syndicate run by seventh-grader Vincent "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, specializing in forged hall passes, test-copying rings, black market candy selling, and taking out hits with water guns.
- Hale, Marian. **Dark Water Rising.** 2006 Grades 6+  
While salvaging and rebuilding in the aftermath of the Galveston flood of 1900, 16-year-old Seth proves himself in a way that his previous efforts never could, but he still must face his father man-to-man.
- Hautman, Pete. **Godless.** 2005 Grades 7+  
When 16-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.
- Hobbs, Will. **Downriver.** 1996 Grades 7+  
Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader and try to run the dangerous white water of the Grand Canyon.
- Kingsley, Charles. **The Water Babies: A Fairy Tale for a Land Baby.** 2006 Grades 5-8  
The adventures of Tom, a sooty little chimney sweep with a great longing to be clean, who is stolen by fairies and turned into a water baby.
- MacPhail, Catherine. **Dark Waters.** 2003 Grades 5-8  
Col McCann becomes a local hero when he saves a boy from drowning but when his older brother is suspected of a serious crime, Col must decide if he should be loyal to his family or tell the truth about what he saw while under the water.
- McKinley, Robin and Peter Dickinson. **Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits.** 2004 Grades 5-9  
Presents six fantasy stories about mermaids, sea serpents, and other fabulous creatures associated with the element of water.
- Meyer, Kai. **Pirate Curse.** 2007 Grades 6-9  
In a place similar to the Caribbean in 1706, two 14-year-old "polliwogs"—humans who can walk on water—rely on a mysterious figure known as the Ghost Trader and a band of pirates to help them escape from the evil that is chasing them.
- Oppel, Kenneth. **Dead Water Zone.** 2007 Grades 6+  
Muscular 16-year-old Paul tries to find his genetically stunted younger brother Sam in the polluted ruins of Watertown where Sam is trying to cure himself with toxic "dead water" that alters the metabolism of those who drink it.
- Auch, Mary. **Ashes of Roses.** 2004 Grades 6-9

Sixteen-year-old Rose Nolan arrives on Ellis Island in 1911 in the hopes of starting a new life, but after most of her family is sent back to Ireland, she must find her own way in a new country and fend for herself and her younger sister.

- Bauer, Joan. **Backwater.** 2005 Grades 6+  
While compiling a genealogy of her family of successful attorneys, 16 year-old history buff Ivy Breedlove treks into the mountain wilderness to interview a reclusive aunt with whom she identifies and who in turn helps her to truly know herself and her family.
- Meyer, L.A. **Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary “Jacky” Faber, Ship’s Boy.** 2004 Grades 6-9  
Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a 13 year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.
- Dessen, Sarah. **Along for the Ride.** 2009 Grades 7+  
It’s been so long since Auden slept at night. Ever since her parents’ divorce--or since the fighting started. Now she has the chance to spend a carefree summer with her dad and his new family in the charming beach town where they live.
- Lawrence, Ian. **Convicts.** 2005 Grades 7+  
After seeing his father hauled off to debtor s prison, Tom Tin sets out to take revenge on Mr. Goodfellow, the man responsible for his family s misfortunes. But the fog-filled London streets are teeming with sinister characters. Tom encounters a blind man who scavenges the riverbed for treasure...
- Lasky, Kathryn. **Hannah.** 2009 Series: Daughters of the Sea, v.1 Grades 7+  
Hannah has spent her early days in an orphanage and is now a scullery maid in the house of rich, powerful family. She is drawn to the sea and through a series of accidents, she discovers her true identity.
- Johnson, Maureen. **Girl at Sea.** 2007 Grades 7+  
Sometimes you have to get lost. The Girl: Clio, seventeen, wants to spend the summer smooching her art-store crush, not stuck on a boat in the Mediterranean. At least she’ll get a killer tan. The Mission: Survive her father’s annoying antics. Oh, also find some underwater treasure that could be the missing link to a long-lost civilization
- Machale, D.J. **Lost City of Faar.** 2007 Grades 5-9 Series: Pendragon, v.2 (First volume is: Merchant of Death, v.1)  
CLORALFourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon is not like the other boys his age. His uncle Press is a Traveler, and, as Bobby has learned, that means Uncle Press is responsible, through his journeys, for solving interdimensional conflict wherever he encounters it. His mission is nothing less than to save the universe from ultimate evil.
- Plum-Ucci, Carol. **The Night My Sister Went Missing.** 2006 Grades 7+  
A tiny pistol, passed from friend to friend at a party on an abandoned pier, suddenly fires, and Casey Carmody falls into the water below. Kurt, Casey’s older brother, endures a seemingly endless night at the police station while the coast guard searches for his sister and his friends are questioned, one by one. Who was foolish enough to pull the trigger?
- Friedman, Aimee. **South Beach.** 2005 Grade 9+  
Unable to go to spring break the way the rich kids do, best friends and seniors Nicki, Belly, and Genny hop in the car for a road trip to Miami’s South Beach, but when the party plans don’t go as imagined, secrets are revealed, feelings are hurt, and friendships are forever changed.
- Snow, Carol. **Switch.** 2008 Grades 7+

"Freaky Friday" meets "The Nanny Diaries," in this exciting supernatural tale. Claire has the ability to switch bodies and finds herself trapped in the body of a waify blond nanny. Soon, family mysteries and personal history collide as Claire tries to figure out who she really is.

- Meyer, Kai. **Water Mirror**. 2005 Grades 7+

In a place similar to Venice, Italy, two teenaged orphans, apprenticed to a maker of magic mirrors, begin to realize that their fates are tied to the magical protector of the city known as the Flowing Queen and to the ruler of Hell, respectively.

- Riordan, Rick. Series: Percy Jackson and the Olympians.

(First book in **series**) After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea, Percy Jackson is transferred from boarding school to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, and becomes involved in a quest to prevent a war between the gods.